

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A gold alloy suitable for work hardening or annealing, comprising by weight about 90.9 – 93.0% gold and:
 - 0.4 to 1.5% zinc;
 - 6.0 to 7.5% nickel;
 - 0.4 to 1.5% copper; and
 - 0.02 to 0.50% cobalt.
2. (Original) The gold alloy of claim 1 comprising by weight:
 - 0.5 to 1.0% zinc;
 - 6.0 to 7.5% nickel;
 - 0.4 to 0.8% copper; and
 - 0.02 to 0.10% cobalt.
3. (Currently Amended) The gold alloy of claim 2 in which the cobalt is present in about 0.03 to 0.10% by weight.[.]
4. (Original) The gold alloy of claim 1 in which the alloy comprises by weight about:
 - 0.66% zinc;
 - 7.00% nickel;
 - 0.60% copper; and
 - 0.07% cobalt.

5. (Currently Amended) The gold alloy of ~~any one of~~ claim 1 in which the alloy consists essentially of the listed elements.

6. (Currently Amended) The gold alloy of ~~any one of~~ claim 1 in which the gold is present in about 91.67%.

7. (Withdrawn) A master alloy for making a gold alloy composition, the master alloy comprising by weight:

- 4.8 to 18.0% zinc;
- 72.0 to 90.0% nickel;
- 4.8 to 18.0% copper; and
- 0.24 –6.0% cobalt.

8. (Withdrawn) The master alloy of claim 7 comprising by weight:

- 6.0 – 12.0% zinc;
- 72.0 to 90.0% nickel;
- 4.8 to 9.6% copper; and
- 0.24-1.2% cobalt.

9. (Withdrawn) The master alloy of claim 8 in which the cobalt comprises 0.4 to 1.2% by weight.

10. (Withdrawn) The master alloy of claim 7 in which the alloy comprises about:

- 7.92% zinc;
- 84.03% nickel;
- 7.21% copper; and
- 0.84% cobalt.

11. (Withdrawn) The master alloy of claim 7 in which the alloy consists essentially of the listed elements.

12. (Withdrawn) A method of making a gold alloy composition comprising providing the master alloy of any of claims 7-10 and mixing the master alloy with gold in a ratio of about 90.9 – 93.0% by weight gold with the remainder being master alloy.

13. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 12 in which the gold is present in about 91.67% by weight

14. (Withdrawn) A method of making jewelry comprising manufacturing a gold alloy according to any of claims 1-4 in the form of a rod or a bar and rolling the bar or rod to a sheet having a substantially reduced thickness.

15. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 14 in which the sheet is stamped into a two or a three-dimensional part.

16. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 14 in which the sheet is manufactured into a threaded part.

17. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 14 in which the sheet is manufactured into a spring or a spring-containing part.

18. (Withdrawn) Jewelry comprising the alloy of any of claims 1-4.

19. (Withdrawn) Jewelry made by the method of claim 14.